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In re Patent Application of:
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For: SPEECH CODING METHOD AND SPEECH
CODING APPARATUS

Examiner: A. K. Azad

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, the reasons for allowance have been noted and the following comments are respectfully submitted in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The Examiner, in the Reasons for Allowance, offers a generic statement as to why claims 2-12 and 15-21 are allowable over the prior art of record. Although Applicants agree that the prior art does not disclose or teach the features listed by the Examiner, Applicants wish to emphasize that it is the claims as a whole, including the various interrelationships and interconnections between the various claimed elements, which are not taught or suggested by the prior art.